

## Bio

**Yizhen Shen** (b. 2003 Shanghai, China) is a painter currently working in Shanghai. He studied painting at the Rhode Island School of Design in the United States.

In Shen's paintings, eccentric shapes swell, tilt, droop, contort, and wiggle, as if teetering on the verge of becoming bodies. They emerge through a slow labor of shifting and revision, dissolving and reforming in a state of perpetual metamorphosis. Drawing on queer and esoteric visual sources, his work hovers between the mischievous and the mystical. Childlike wonder meets sensual color and off-beat humor, sustaining a practice devoted to the joyous, strange, and magical act of painting. For Shen, painting is an act of losing oneself in the grand bazaar of love.



### Education

2025 BFA Painting, Rhode Island School of Design with Honors

### Solo Exhibition

2026 *Nighttime Playground*, Arthereistanbul, Istanbul, Türkiye

### Group Exhibitions

2025 *The Last Picture Show*, Memorial Hall, Providence, RI, USA

2025 *Designated Smoking Area*, Providence, RI, USA

2024 *Landscape As...*, Memorial Hall, Providence, RI, USA

2024 *Junior Painting Show*, Gelman Gallery, Providence, RI, USA

2023 *Clearing in the Forest*, Redeye Gallery, Providence, RI, USA

2022 *Painting a Day*, Memorial Hall, Providence, RI, USA

2022 *Reçu*, Providence, Paris, France

2021 *FT Group Exhibition*, Shanghai, China

### Residencies:

2026 Arthereistanbul, Istanbul, Türkiye

2024 Anderson Ranch, Colorado, USA, mentorship under Wendy White